

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2  
SECTION: 17.4  
TITLE: ORTHOTICS

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**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(d)(3)(viii)

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

September 20, 1990

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

A. CPT codes 21431-21436

B. HCPCS Level II codes K0112-K0116, L0100-L0200, L0700, L0710, L0970-L0984, L0999, L1000-L1120, L1200-L1290, L1600-L1755, L1800-L1885, L1900-L1990, L2000-L2090, L2102-L2136, L2180-L2192, L2200-L2492, L2500-L2999, L3650-L3677, L3700-L3762, L3800-L3805, L3810-L3890, and L3900-L3974.

### III. DESCRIPTION

Orthotics is the field of knowledge relating to the making of an appliance or apparatus used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body.

### IV. POLICY

Orthotic devices may be considered for cost sharing when determined to be medically necessary and when provided by VA Prosthetics Service or an authorized provider. Covered orthotic devices include, but are not limited to, the following conditions:

1. Cervical orthosis treats cervical disease and injury by influencing the motion of the neck by assisting, resisting, blocking or unloading part of the head weight.
2. Spinal orthotics are usually prescribed for scoliosis, hyper- and hypokyphosis and hyper- and hypolordosis.

3. Upper limb orthotics are used to substitute for absent motor power, to assist weak segments, to support segments, which require immobilization, to provide traction, or for the attachment of devices. These are usually prescribed for the wrist, thumb, fingers, shoulder and elbow.

4. Cranioplasty banding treatment is used when there is a diagnosed craniofacial anomaly.

5. Lower limb orthotics. These are used to substitute for absent motor power, to assist weak segments, to support segments that require immobilization, to provide traction or for the attachment of devices. These are usually prescribed for the hip, knee, ankle, lumbar, sacral or any combination.

## V. EXCLUSIONS

A. Orthopedic shoes, except for orthopedic shoes which are an integral part of a brace (see [Chapter 2, Section 17.5](#), *Orthopedic Braces and Appliances: Shoes*). [38 CFR 17.272(a)(45)(i)]

B. Supportive devices for the feet, such as, arch supports, shoe inserts, wedges, specialized fillers, heel straps, pads, shanks, etc. [38 CFR 17.272(a)(45)]

C. Cranial orthosis (Dynamic Orthotic Cranioplasty Band) and cranial molding helmets for nonsynostotic positional plagiocephaly (**deformational plagiocephaly, plagiocephaly without synostosis) and when used alone as treatment for craniosynostosis.**

**\*END OF POLICY\***